

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 3rd November 2019

Contest Results

The results of the society's final contest of the year - the 40 metres Counties Contest - were published during the week. 40 metres band conditions on the day of the contest were disappointing, nevertheless almost 50 EI and GI stations in 20 counties were active. Stations in 12 overseas DXCC entities also contributed to activity on the day. See www.irts.ie/results for full details of local and overseas participation in this event.

Galway Digital Radio Group

On Saturday 26th October the Galway Digital Radio Group carried out, throughout the day, the installation of their digital voice Abbeyknockmoy repeater. Installation of this repeater had been delayed over the past two weeks due to recent weather conditions. Confirmation has been received that the repeater is now in operation.

Portugal 5 MHz

Reminder: HF Manager José, CT1EEB of the Portuguese IARU Member Society (REP) has informed all HF Managers in CEPT countries that a number of stations have been monitored using the 60m / 5 MHz frequency band from Portuguese territory. These stations were using their home call-signs, believing this to be compliant with the regulations governing the CEPT Radio Amateur Licence as specified in CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-01.

The use of 5 MHz frequencies in Portugal is only permitted if a special authorisation from ANACOM (the Portuguese telecommunications regulator) is obtained as the frequency band is shared with the military. This applies to both the WRC-15 frequencies and the earlier provided frequency assignments of 5288.5 kHz, 5371.5 kHz, 5380.5 kHz and 5403.5 kHz which are not included in the CEPT privileges applicable in Portugal.

Therefore all stations signing CT7 (mainland Portugal), CT8 (Azores) and CT9 (Madeira) /XXXXX/P are probably not authorised to use 5 MHz unless they have obtained a permit from ANACOM to use the 5 MHz frequencies mentioned above.

Newsreaders Database

Important Reminder: All IRTS news readers are being asked to make contact with the bulletin editor Mark EI6HPB if they have not done so already. They should provide to the editor updated details of times, frequencies and locations from which they transmit the IRTS radio news on a weekly basis. The contact details for the editor are as follows: Telephone 086 355 2370 and email “newsteam /at/ irts /dot/ ie”

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM in Hannons Hotel Roscommon on Wednesday the 11th December at 20:00. All members are requested to attend and anyone wishing to join the club is more than welcome. Refreshments provided on the night. Please see www.sbrc.ie or club Facebook page for more details.

AREN Training and Social weekend

On the 9th and 10th of November, AREN will hold a national training and development weekend in Dromineer, County Tipperary. Accommodation is available at the Lough Derg House & The Lake Cafe, booking is required, please contact EI4JN at QTHR.

Topics for the weekend include Go-Kit demonstrations, a swapmeet, JS8Call, PAT, ARDEN (possibly a presentation from Cisco TacOPS), ARDOP and PV systems demonstrations as well as plenty socialisg. Any licenced Amateur Radio operator is welcome to come along, please contact EI4JN or EI7IG to let them know you are interested.

5MHz Newsletter

The latest edition of The 5 MHz Newsletter (No 23 – Spring/Autumn 2019) is now available for free pdf download.

from the ‘External Links’ section of the Wikipedia 60m Band page or the RSGB 5 MHz webpage.

This edition includes 5 MHz news from 9 countries, features the World of 5 MHz 2019 and an Exercise Blue Ham report.

DX News

Two Russian operators, RZ3FW and R4WAA, will be QRV from Vanuatu from 4th – 20th November. They will use the callsign YJ0RRC from the IOTA islands OC-104 and OC-111. This will be followed by the callsign YJ0FWJ from OC-035.

Harald DF2WO returns to Kigali, Rwanda where he will reactivate his 9X2AW callsign from 4th – 16th November. He will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL manager is M0OXO.

Gary G0FWX will be operating holiday style from St Kitts in the Caribbean from 6th – 13th November. His callsign will be V47FWX and he will be QRV from the shack of V47JA. QSLs go via M0URX.

Members of the CanAm Group will be active from the Marquesas Islands from 6th – 19th November. The callsign will be TX7T and they will be on all bands 160-6m CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0URX.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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